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purchases from such handlers shall be in proportion to the quantity of their respective offerings insofar as such division is practicable. The cranberries so purchased shall be disposed of by the committee as restricted cranberries in accordance with § 929.57. Any funds received by the committee for cranberries so disposed of, which are in excess of the costs incurred by the committee in making such disposition, shall be paid or credited proportionately to handlers on the basis of the volume of cranberries withheld by each handler.

(d) In the event any portion of the funds deposited with the committee pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section cannot, for reasons beyond the committee's control, be expended to purchase unrestricted (free percentage) cranberries to replace those released, such unexpended funds shall, after deducting expenses incurred by the committee in connection with the purchase and disposition of cranberries pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section, be offered and paid or credited proportionately to handlers on the basis of the volume of cranberries withheld by each handler. In the event that the offer is not accepted or directions given by a handler to credit the funds within 90 days, the funds will accrue to the committees's general account.

(e) Cranberries purchased by the committee to replace released cranberries shall be inspected and shall meet such standards as are prescribed for withheld cranberries.

(f) Inspection of withheld cranberries released to a handler is not required.

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§ 929.57 Outlets for restricted cranberries.

(a) Except as provided in this section and in § 929.56, cranberries withheld from handling may be disposed of only through diversion to such outlets as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, finds are noncompetitive to outlets for unrestricted (free percentage) cranberries.

(b) The storage and disposition of all cranberries withheld from handling

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shall be subject to the supervision and accounting control of the committee.

§ 929.58 Exemption.

(a) Upon the basis of the recommendation and information submitted by the committee, or from other available information, the Secretary may relieve from any or all requirements pursuant to this part the handling of cranberries in such minimum quantities as the committee, with the approval of the Secretary, may prescribe.

(b) The committee, with the approval of the Secretary, shall prescribe such rules, regulations, and safeguards as it may deem necessary to ensure that cranberries handled under the provisions of this section are handled only as authorized.

§ 929.59 Excess cranberries.

(a) Whenever the Secretary establishes an allotment percentage pursuant to § 929.52, handlers shall be notified by the committee of such allotment percentage and shall withhold from handling such cranberries in excess of the total of their growers' annual allotments obtained during such period. Such withheld cranberries shall be defined as "excess cranberries" after all unused allotment has been allocated.

(1) Excess cranberries received by a handler shall be made available for inspection by the committee or its representatives from the time they are received until final disposition is completed. Such excess cranberries shall be identified in such manner as the committee may specify in its rules and regulations with the approval of the Secretary.

(2) All matters dealing with handler-held excess cranberries shall be in accordance with such rules and regulations established by the committee, with the approval of the Secretary.

(b) Prior to January 1, or such other date as recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary, handlers holding excess cranberries shall submit to the committee a written plan outlining procedures for the systematic disposal of such cranberries in the outlets prescribed in § 929.61.